

BROOKLYN NEWS

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Flatbush Grocers Rejoice—New Clinic for Mental Diseases.

The grocers of the Flatbush section sighed a great sigh of relief on Wednesday evening, when the pure food show closed its doors and concluded operations in a big tent at Snyder and Flatbush avenues. The show ran a month, and the grocers say, if it had continued to run a little longer it would have run them out of business, which might not have pleased their landlords. The grocers really have no right to object, however, for they were the ones who set the example for the experiment, their association having held the last pure food show at the Claremont Avenue rink two years ago. According to the Flatbushites, the show was mighty handy—in more ways than one.

Flatbush, be it understood, is a mighty respectable community, but a very large percentage of the people are paying for their homes on the installment plan, and so the pure food show was popular while it lasted. Everything was free. When the children wanted candy their mothers sent them to the tent to get samples. When the youths were out with their girls they took them to the tent for free ice cream and Moxie. This was not so hard on the tradesmen. But the housewives began taking their husbands to the tent at night, where they secured samples of breakfast foods, condensed milk, macaroni in various forms, canned vegetables and fruits, flour, cakes, etc. The show was not of articles manufactured in Flatbush, but of things consumed there.

The celebration of last Tuesday will always be remembered by the people of this borough as the greatest fizzle of the generation. Coming as it did in the midst of the terrific heat, when people were being prostrated and killed on all sides, it was doomed to failure. Beginning with the big fiasco at the Borough Hall in the morning, and concluding with the bigger fiasco in all parts of the borough in the evening, the day was an unbroken succession of disagreeable incidents. To start with, the Borough Hall had been strung with electric lights and hung with flags at a cost of \$500. At 10 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth, four hundred of the United German Singers—the finest chorus available—and forty or fifty members of the Shannon's 2nd Regiment Band gathered on the steps of the Borough Hall.

Besides the playing and the singing, there were speeches by Borough President Steers and others. The programme was so badly timed that the combination has drawn thousands to Prospect Park, time and again. Yet the audience scarcely numbered a couple of hundred. Major Steers was much put out by the lack of appreciation exhibited by the people, but the people stayed away for just one reason—they could not endure the heat in the unheated Borough Hall square. Those who attended the meeting said that the noise of the cars, the surface, and the elevated—made it impossible to hear the speeches and the music, anyway. Practically the same complaint comes from all parts of the borough—that the Fourth is too hot for demonstrations. The safe and sane idea has won the hearts of all safe and sane adults, and will continue to hold its vantage ground, but it is a safe bet that little tending to physical exertion on the holiday will be much encouraged for the next few years.

The first clinic for mental diseases in this city will be opened on Wednesday at the Long Island State Hospital for the Insane, Clarkson street and Nostrand avenue. The only other clinic of the kind heretofore opened in the state was held by the St. Lawrence Hospital for the Insane, at Ogdensburg, but was not a success, as too few people were in a position to make use of it.

The new clinic will no doubt have plenty of use made of it, situated as it will be, available to the whole city. If it succeeds in demonstrating its value other clinics will be opened all over the city. The clinic will be open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 o'clock. It will be run under the auspices of the State Charities Aid Association. Physicians and social workers have been invited to send to the clinic people whom they consider need treatment.

Speaking of the project the other day, Dr. Robert E. Doran, superintendent of the hospital, who will supervise the clinic, said: "If this idea had been carried out ten years ago thousands would have been made of asylums and would have been sane. In New York State there are thirty-two thousand feeble minded persons. The popular belief that insanity suddenly grips its victims is a mistaken one."

"On the contrary, it starts with a few worries, a general breakdown, or a nervous disorder. When the causes are not eliminated they gradually break down the burdened minds. If treated properly from the outset, insanity will soon be on the decrease. There are hundreds of persons who are in need of treatment—who are really insane."

"If they will come to us we will be able to give them such advice and remedies as will speedily set many right again, saving them from becoming inmates of asylums later on. We want the co-operation of all the people in our work."

AN APPEAL FOR CHARITY.

In April the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities appealed to a woman who had recently lost her husband. He had been ill six months. A sick benefit provided for the family during the illness, and insurance paid for funeral expenses and kept the family for three weeks. The woman is a seamstress, but cannot leave home on account of her six children, the youngest six months old. The bureau would like to pension the family for two years until the small child, a boy, is old enough to work. The mother is earning between \$1 and \$1 a week at home.

Contributions will be acknowledged.

A PEARL ROMANCE.

A maiden lady was bicycling in the South of Scotland, and caught in the handlebar of her machine the chain which supported her glasses, snapping it into several pieces. So she went into the solitary shop of the village through which she was passing and asked for any sort of chain.

The old woman said she had only a string of old glass beads, which had been in her family for years, but, as times were bad, she would part with them. Thinking them rather pretty, the lady paid the price asked, which was 15 shillings.

About two days later, on her return to London, she went to a jeweller to get her small gold chain mended, still wearing her glasses on the beads. The man noticed them, and asked if he might show them to the head of the firm. The latter soon came forward, and said he should be happy to offer £50 for the necklace.

After a little research among books, he pronounced the beads to be the lost string of pearls which had been worn by a queen. He had worn on the scaffold, and several experts agreed. Finally, the beads were put in a box and sent to the jeweller, who told the proceeds the lady took care that the old saleswoman should be made more than amply repaid for the rest of her life—Lancet Post.

Weddings, Engagements and Announcements.

Miss Sophia Graham-Booker, who is to be married to Dr. Andrew Dickson Packard on Wednesday, August 16, will be attended by a maid of honor, Miss Helen Booklet, of Raleigh, and six bridesmaids, Miss Mary K. Packard, of Brooklyn, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Fannie Graham, of Lexington, Va.; Miss Etta Morrison, of Suffolk, Va.; Miss May Dixon Thacker, of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Louisa Ford, of Port Royal, Va.; and Miss Gordon Baskerville, of Clifton Forge, Va. John Wylie, of Manhattan, is to act as best man, but there will be two ushers.

Dr. Packard is the son of Mrs. W. S. Packard, of No. 209 Hicks street. The ceremony is to take place at 6:30 o'clock at Peace Place, the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Booker, in Raleigh, N. C.

As Miss Elena Barron has spent so much of her time on the Heights since the marriage of her sister, Miss Dorothea Barron, to Philip Rogers Mallory last December, the announcement of her engagement is of decided interest to the younger people there. Her fiancé is Richard Carley Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hunt, of Manhattan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Barron, of Rye, N. Y.

An important engagement announced last week was that of Miss Dorothy Hart Peters, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Madison C. Peters, of No. 1825 Glenwood Road, Flatbush, and Harry A. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stevens, of No. 854 Argyle Road.

Mrs. W. Winans Freeman gave a tea last Sunday at Sunny Hours, her cottage at Belle Terre, Long Island, in honor of Miss June Peterson, of Chicago, who is visiting her while painting Miss Louisa Phillips Freeman's portrait. The rooms were decorated with great masses of rambler roses. Mrs. Freeman was gowned in white lace and her guest received in Irish point and silver embroidery.

One of the loveliest of the June weddings taking place on the Park Slope was that in All Saints Episcopal Church on the 19th of Miss Alice L. Nalty and Frank Laing. The bride is a daughter of John Nalty, of No. 501 5th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Laing are travelling through Nova Scotia and Canada, but will soon go to their summer home on Lake Champlain. Miss Helen Coleman Nalty will spend the summer with her sister. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Laing, of Montreal, Canada.

Miss Pierpont and Miss Anna J. Pierpont returned from a brief trip abroad on Thursday on the Adriatic.

Dr. and Mrs. William Morris Butler will sail Tuesday on the Moltke for their annual trip abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jordan and Miss Helen H. Jordan are spending a fortnight motoring. They were at the Hotel Worth, Newcastle, N. H., the early part of the week.

Mrs. Jacob Meurer and Miss Grace W. Meurer sailed yesterday on the Philadelphia. They will spend the summer at St. Moritz, Engadine, Switzerland, returning in September to their Belle Terre cottage.

Miss Russell E. Prentiss and Miss Lucy Otterson are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt Prentiss at their cottage in Elburn, N. J.

Among the recent arrivals at Hampton Hall, Bellerose, Long Island, are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dorsey, Miss Corinne Baldwin, Miss Katherine Baldwin and Orrin Baldwin. The recent arrivals at the Inn, Westhampton, Long Island, are Mrs. Edward Luckenbach, Miss Dorothy Luckenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Rud R. Appleton, Mrs. Thomas B. Martin, the Misses Bessie Florence and Adele Martin, Mrs. Jesse L. Hopkins, the Misses Bessie and Jessie Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Sayre, Howell Sayre and Carly Sayre, who have as their guest Radford English, Harry C. Martin, William Scarborough and Charles M. Bull, Jr.

Mrs. Cris K. Eldridge had as her guests over the Fourth at her Shelter Island cottage Mr. and Mrs. Orris Stanley Eldridge.

Among those who have recently gone abroad are Mr. and Mrs. David A. Boody and Charles A. Boody.

Among the Brooklyn people in Paris last week were Mrs. James L. Morgan, Mrs. Samuel Bowie Duryea, Frank C. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Bogert, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis and Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Nissen.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Devereux Putnam and the Misses Putnam are spending the summer at Foxburg, Penn. They closed their own house at No. 33 Washington avenue a fortnight ago.

Miss Antoinette Heckescher gave a large house party over the Fourth at Huntington, Long Island. Among her guests were R. Stuyvesant Pierpont, Miss Helen McLaughlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Stillman.

Mrs. John Mason, Miss Anna Mason and Miss Florence Knapp left last week for the Canadian Rockies, where they will spend a few weeks camping. Mrs. Mason and her daughter will later go to Hood River, Ore., for the marriage of John F. Mason in August.

Among the people of Brooklyn interest in the Krompfer Wilhelm on Tuesday was Miss Mary Louise Chauncey, Miss Florence Chauncey and Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Cowperthwait.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Troy are as usual at the New Moon, Spring Lake, N. J., for July. Other Brooklyn people there are Mr. and Mrs. George Temple Moon and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Steel.

Announcements were received last week of the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Scholes, of No. 99 Rodney street, and Charles R. May, organist of the Church of the New Jerusalem, on the Heights. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Aubrey Darby, of All Saints Episcopal Church, Leonia, N. J., in Leonia, N. J., on Saturday, July 1. Only a few relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Hoag (Edith Forrester), who were married on June 21, spent their honeymoon at Lake George, and will pass the rest of the summer at Clinton Corners, N. Y. They will make their home this winter at No. 282 Degraw street.

Captain and Mrs. Harry Salters, of No. 477 1st street, announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Edwina Van Burg Peterson, to Frank L. Odell, of Flatbush.

Monday, July 17, is the date set for the wedding of Miss Helen Hamilton and Frederick Bell Sullivan, which will take place at the home of the bride, No. 129 Lee avenue. In compliance to Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Clarence Tigrator Corey, of No. 455 East 11th street, gave a shower on the porch of her home, which had been decorated with summer flowers, ferns and Japanese lanterns for the occasion.

Among those present were Mrs. W. W.



MRS. FRANK LAING, FORMERLY MISS ALICE NALTY.
(Photograph by Campbell Studio.)

THE ERRORS OF HISTORY

Corrections in Maiden Lane and Other Landmarks.

A FEW years ago a committee on sites and inscriptions was selected by the American Society and Historic Preservation Society to determine the correctness of inscriptions intended for historical tablets. This action was brought about by the frequency with which organizations more enthusiastic than exact perpetrated metallic blunders that once committed were exceedingly difficult to eradicate. Sites and dates were often lightly treated and traditions accepted without any attempt at investigation. The result was a confusion of historical data that threatened to become a formidable fund of misinformation. This tendency has been effectively checked and all inscriptions are now subjected to a painstaking and exhaustive examination before they receive the certification of the historical committee.

A recent instance of the thoroughness of the investigation and the methods employed in ascertaining the facts may prove of interest. The inscription submitted was for a tablet intended to be erected in Maiden Lane and was expressed in the following phraseology:

MAIDEN LANE
Called "T. Maagie Puddle" in the Days of New Amsterdam, Being a Rural Path Beside a Stream, until Marked by the Curved Line of the Present Street. Known as Green Lane during the Early English Period. Laid out as a Street in 1691. Began to assume the character of a Jewelry District about 1850.

out of the five important statements contained in this short paragraph practically every one except the last was to a greater or less extent called in question.

ORIGIN OF A NAME.

In the first place a doubt arose owing to the point made by a local historian of high standing as to the assertion that the name was of Dutch origin. This uncertainty was caused by the fact that in a number of instances the English, when they took possession of New Amsterdam, substituted names of London streets for those originally bestowed by the Dutch authorities. The discovery that maps of London of the corresponding period exhibited a Maiden Lane certainly gave color to the likelihood of the English source of the name. This argument was strengthened furthermore by the unusual combination—Maiden Lane.

It thereupon became necessary to examine the Dutch records. These exist in the form of the minutes of the court of the Burgomasters and Schepens, 1653-57, preserved in the library at the City Hall. A translation by Berthold Fernow is also available which contains, besides the text, an extensive index. No mention appeared in this index of Maiden Lane. In one of Valentine's Manuscripts, however, an item was found containing an account of the trial, in 1691, of an individual for stealing cabbages from the premises of a citizen who lived in Maiden Lane. Fortunately the name of the citizen was discovered in the index and directly the court proceedings in the text. In the course of the trial the prisoner was asked:

"Did you steal, more than a month ago, a quantity of cabbages at the house of one Peter Jansen, ship carpenter, residing at the entrance of Maiden Lane (t maagie puddle), when you were caught and overtaken by the watch?"

This, of course, settled all doubt as to the Dutch origin of the romantic designation of the old thoroughfare. It was certainly a happy circumstance, from a historical point of view, that the culprit elected to steal Maiden Lane cabbages.

The next statement, namely, that the lane was known as Green Lane during the early English period now came up for consideration. No evidence appeared at first to substantiate the identity of Green and Maiden Lane. The allusions found in the usual works of reference failed to make clear that the two names were in any way related. Attention was thereupon directed to original and authoritative sources. This involved a search of real estate transfers in the books of record in the Register's office, and here, happily, a valuable discovery was made.

It appeared that in 1694 some one sold a piece of property described as "a certain Lot without the Stockadoes bounded on the northward by a lane leading from the Broadway to the Smiths Fly, usually called the Maiden or Green Lane." Greatly pleased, no doubt, would have been the lawyer of 1694 could he have witnessed the joy with which his description was pounced upon by the eager historian of 1911. Not only was the identity of the two names thus absolutely fixed, but the fact established that they were used concurrently. This use of the two names supposition that the English tried to supplant the older designation by im-

posed, and would seem to justify, the posing that of Green Lane, that the two had a sort of battle royal for supremacy, and that Maiden Lane finally won the honor of maintaining the old traditions of the picturesque Dutch locality.

Now, as to the laying out of the street in 1691. The "stockadoes" along the route of the present Wall street prevented the town from extending as rapidly as it would have done otherwise. As a matter of fact the wooden wall compressed the settlement below the absurd line of defence until the pressure of increasing population forced the creation of habitations beyond it. This eventually changed the rural character of the contiguous district, and in 1691 led the authorities to lay out Maiden Lane as a street. Several subsequent references appear in the records containing orders for "ye more regular making of Maiden Lane." These efforts to straighten out the curve that characterizes the thoroughfare and bring it into line with adjacent streets, owing no doubt to the slope of the land along the course of the old stream, never met with success.

REJECTING A STATEMENT.

While the establishment of the street was thus verified, no authority was discovered for the statement that it was officially named Maiden Lane in 1695 or at any other time. In fact, the real estate transaction already referred to and duly recorded in the official minutes indicated recognition of the name on the part of the authorities before that date, and the inference is justified, from the character of the expression used, that the name had received sanction for a number of years. The statement concerning the official naming of the street was therefore rejected.

The inscription, in view of the conclusions arrived at, was thereupon recast and worded as follows:

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As such the text was approved by the Committee on Sites and Inscriptions, and references to the data substantiating the legend which will presently form the essential feature of a bronze tablet have been placed on file. ALBERT ULMANN.

"BLOW-OUT" VENTILATION.

Cleveland holds a prominent place among the many progressive towns in the United States, and, like many other communities, it is taking thought to solve the troublesome problems of ventilation. Here and there all over the world buildings may be satisfactorily ventilated, but, as a rule, mechanical means scientifically applied are considered too expensive and complicated, and too often such means do not prove wholly satisfactory. Consequently, such ventilation as is provided in public buildings is liable to depend on the temperature and the wind for its satisfactory working. In Cleveland the authorities have frankly recognized that the heating apparatus in the schools warms but does not effectively ventilate. Apparently they also have no hope of being able to provide proper ventilating apparatus. The result is that they have taken counsel of despair, and adopted what is graphically described as "blowing out" system. At stated intervals

A FORGOTTEN LAWYER'S CARE.

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vals a gong sounds; thereupon the children leave off their studies and commence marching exercise, calisthenics, or run out into the playground. At the same moment every door or window is thrown wide open, the fresh air rushes in, and the class rooms are given a good "blow out." In a few minutes the air has been thoroughly renovated, and then the gong sounds again for the children to resume their studies. This is certainly preferable to a strong draught blowing in one direction while leaving other parts of the room in a stuffy condition. The "blow out" system might also be adopted for the old fashioned railway carriages that have no ventilators in a train. Today it often happens that a traveler is obliged to sit still for hours with a piercing cold wind blowing violently on one side of his person from a partly open window. He cannot keep himself warm by taking exercise; he does not want to exchange fresh air, but he does not like the dust that is blown upon him, sometimes to the injury of his eyes, and always to the impairment of his clothes. It would be much more comfortable to shut both windows, and occasionally open them both for a minute or two, thus giving the carriage a thorough "blow out." Then it would be possible to sit in an airy chamber free from draughts and injurious particles of sand or cinders, but any such proceeding would call for an amount of rebuffancy from the mixed inhabitants of the carriage that must be past praying for.—The Lancet.

HIS GILT-EDGED CHANCE.

Mrs. Murphy—Oh hear my brother-in-law, Mr. Keegan, is getting bad off.

Mrs. Casey—Shure, he's good for a year yet.

Mrs. Murphy—As long as that?

Mrs. Casey—Yis, he's had four different doctors, and each one av thin give him three months to live.—Puck.